information regarding installed capacity and waiting list of Jalali and Daula Telephone exchanges is given below:—

Name of Exchange	Installed Capacity	Waiting List
Jalali	184	0
Daula	152	0

(b) Sir, no registered demand for telephones exist in Nirkot village.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Competitors in International Long Distance Telephony Sector

1828. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recent recommendations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India not to limit the number of competitors in the International Long Distance telephony sector; and

(b) if so, the details of these recommendations and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in respect of opening of International Long Distance Service (ILDS) to private sector have been received and accepted by the government. The salient features of the recommendations are enclosed as statement.

Statement

Salient features of the recommendations of the TRAI for opening of International Long Distance Service to private sector.

* There is no restriction on the number of players.
* The applicant company shall have networth of Rs. 25 crores.

* The applicant company shall pay one time Entry Fee of Rs. 25 crores.

* The annual licence fee shall be 15% of the Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).

* The applicant company shall submit performance Bank Guarantee (BG) of Rs. 25 crores which will be released on fulfilment of the roll out obligations.

* All bearer services are to be provided by the Licensee.

* The licence is initially valid for a period of 20 years with automatic extension by a period of 5 years subject to satisfactory performance in accordance with terms & conditions of the licence particularly in regard to Quality of Service (QoS) parameters.

* International long distance traffic should be routed through National Long Distance Operators to the International Long Distance Operators (ILDOs) gateways for onward transmission to International network.

* The Licensee will establish a minimum of four gateway switches one in each region of the country *i.e.* Eastern, Western, Northern & Southern within three years of signing of licence agreement.

* Delivery of traffic to all the countries in the World is to be ensured through at least four Direct Routes *i.e.* one each to North America, Gulf Region, Europe and any one location in Sourth East Asia, Far East and Oceania within three years of signing of licence agreement.

* Two type of Quality of Service (QoS) are permitted.

Post offices in Rajasthan

1829. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices sanctioned and opened in the rural/desert areas of Rajasthan during 2000-2001, district-wise, till date;

(b) the time bound programme in this regard;